

Practice Test 1

Part 1

Listen to the web show. Then circle all the correct answers.

1. Wanda (listens to people's problems / talks about videos / provides tips about finding apartments / gives advice) on her show.
2. Louis and his roommate (are very different / have similar interests / don't get along well / have lived together for a long time).
3. When Louis's roommate broke his coffee cup, the roommate (lost his temper / admitted it / shifted the blame to Louis / lied about it).
4. Louis probably (won't talk to his roommate / will talk to his roommate / will admit to his roommate that he's not perfect / will blame his roommate for all their problems).

Part 2

Listen to the web show again. Then put the words in the correct categories in the chart. Not all the words will be used.

ambitious	controlling	dishonest	disorganized	hot-tempered
lazy	negative	organized	perfectionist	serious

LOUIS	LOUIS'S ROOMMATE
5.	9.
6.	10.
7.	11.
8.	12.

Part 3

Circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

13. Dan (took up / was accepted into / was rejected by) graduate school, but he decided not to attend this year. He requested that his position be held so he could do volunteer work overseas first.
14. Juana's (priorities / morals / colleagues) have changed since she started her first job, so she doesn't spend as much time with her friends.
15. Martin and Jessica are political (donors / activists / philanthropists) who attend a lot of community meetings and try to eliminate corruption in the local government.
16. Determined and positive people (give up / are pleased / hang in there) when things get difficult.

17. Sheila had sweaty palms and butterflies in her stomach, but she (**courage / courageous / courageously**) stepped up to the microphone and delivered a great speech.

18. Running is a good way to (**let off steam / blow your top / vent**) after a hard day at work.

19. Most people think Jonathan is (**sexist / verbal / hysterical**), but I don't get his sense of humor.

Part 4

Circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

20. I (**has been talking / was talking / have talked**) to Jenna about our assignment while you were wasting time.

21. Maria (**signed up / has been signing up / had been signing up**) for a fiction writing class online when the power went out.

22. How long had you been living in France when you (**were deciding / have decided / decided**) to relocate to Spain?

23. We've been working a lot of overtime (**lately / yet / twice**), but we still haven't met our deadline.

24. Jack and Teresa (**have never considered / have never been considering / had never been considering**) attending the same college because they want to specialize in different fields.

25. I've tried yoga (**still / so far / before**), but I've never been flexible enough to correctly hold any of the positions for long.

Part 5

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

when	where	which	who	whose
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26. Katelyn is the student finally told the truth about cheating on the test.

27. Victor blamed Doug for breaking his phone, wasn't fair.

28. It's not easy to tell the truth you know you're going to get in trouble.

29. People jobs depend on honesty have to be trustworthy.

30. I want to work in a place you get ahead if you have good values and stick to your principles.

Part 6

Put the words and phrases in the correct order to make sentences.

31. you feel, / matter / it's / the end of the world / No / how / really not

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32. we're / we go, / to try new things / No / matter / to try new things / where / always willing

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33. I'm always / Mr. Rawlings says / matter / what / confused, / no

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34. I text him / matter / John never / no / writes back, / when

.....

Part 7

Circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

35. It was (**so** / **such** / **such a** / **such an**) shocking news—it felt like you pulled the rug out from under me.

36. The clouds were (**so** / **such** / **such a** / **such an**) dark that I was surprised it wasn't raining.

37. Don is (**so** / **such** / **such a** / **such an**) empathetic person that people are always telling him their problems.

38. There are so (**many** / **much** / **few** / **little**) people here that I don't think we'll find a place to sit.

39. We have so (**many** / **much** / **few** / **little**) time—I don't think we'll finish the cake before the celebration.

Part 8

Match the sentence fragments in both columns to complete the sentences. Write the letter.

40. Even if I'm a procrastinator, a. only if we can take Monday off.

41. We'll go to the meeting on Saturday b. we have to do what she says.

42. We won't fly to Chicago c. I'd take you to the airport.

43. Whether or not our boss is right, d. I still meet my deadlines.

44. If only I had more time, e. unless the train is full.

Part 9

Combine the sentences. Write cleft sentences using the words in parentheses.

Examples:

Sam made a big issue out of nothing. It bothers us. (what)

.....What bothers us is that Sam made a big issue out of nothing.....

It made me nervous. It was my sister's temper. (it)

.....It was my sister's temper that made me nervous.....

45. We let off some steam after work. We need to do it. (what)

46. She hit the roof when she heard the news. Her name was Liz. (it)

47. It will determine what we do tomorrow. It is your decision. (it)

48. You took it so well. It surprised us. (what)

49. Most people will forgive you immediately if you apologize sincerely. That fascinates me. (what)

Part 10

Read the direct speech. Then circle the correct answers to complete the reported speech.

Example:

"I've signed up for an economics class."

Gina said that she (**will sign up for / had signed up for / was signing up for**) an economics class.

50. "Mark was telling a political joke."

Judy said that Mark (**is telling / had been telling / told**) a political joke.

51. "Why can't you repeat that joke?"

My sister asked me (**why I wouldn't / if I could / why I couldn't**) repeat that joke.

52. "I'll have the funniest costume at the party."

Victor (**claimed / told / asked me**) he'd have the funniest costume at the party.

53. "I don't want to leave now."

Ahmed admitted that he didn't want to leave (**yesterday / tomorrow / then**).

54. "Do they want me to explain it?"

I asked (**them to** / **if they wanted me to** / **whether I would**) explain it.

55. "You must think I'm hilarious."

Jack stated that we (**had to think** / **may think** / **might have thought**) he was hilarious.

Part 11

Read the article. Then answer the questions. Circle the correct answers.

Jobs with a Twist

Everyone knows what doctors, teachers, and lawyers do. And you probably know about less typical jobs, too, such as video game designers and architects. But have you ever heard of the following jobs?

Anxiety Coach

Anxiety coaches are professionals who help people overcome their fears. Many times, they are therapists. One method therapists may use is exposure therapy. In this method, people are exposed to the fear so that they get used to it. It helps them train their brains not to fear something. Some coaches use humor to help people overcome fears. For example, they may tell a person who is afraid of public speaking to use humor at the beginning of the speech to relax. In addition to the fear of public speaking, some of the most common fears anxiety coaches help people with are the fear of heights and the fear of flying. Anxiety coaches need to have training in mental health, and they often get certified in a health-related field. Therapists who work with people to overcome fears may have similar training, but unlike anxiety coaches, they must also have a college degree. Their degrees may be in various fields, such as psychology, social work, nursing, or counseling.

Comedy Writer

Having a sense of humor can help you get through a difficult day at any job, but what if you *had* to be funny for your job? Comedy writers have to be funny in order to get paid! They may write for TV shows and movies, and they also can write jokes for comedians. While it's not a requirement, it does help to have a college degree in writing or a similar field to be a comedy writer. People in this line

of work often start by writing for little or no money to get some experience. What can help potential comedy writers is to practice their skills by writing funny posts on social media. Making connections and working with others in the field also benefit people who are in this profession. Many connections can also be made by taking comedy writing workshops and classes. Finally, whether it's sarcasm or slapstick—it definitely helps to have a unique writing style.

Placement Specialist

Have you ever thought about getting a job helping people get jobs? That's what a job or career placement specialist does. A job placement specialist often works for a company that helps match candidates with employers. A company may hire a specialist who works for a job placement organization to find people for specific jobs at the company. The placement specialist must know the details about the jobs and work with candidates to find the best matches. The specialist may do pre-interviews for the employer to find out the candidates' skills, training, and experience. The specialist may also have to write ads to find candidates. In addition, they often advise candidates about what additional training they should consider to better help them in obtaining jobs. A job placement specialist must have at least a high school degree. Furthermore, a college degree in human resources or a related field is often wanted.

Would you consider one of these jobs? You can make a career out of just about any interest you have! And if you're not sure what you want to do—talk to a career placement specialist for help!

56. What is the article about?

- a.** interesting training classes
- b.** how to get the perfect job
- c.** unusual jobs

57. According to the article, what does an anxiety coach do?

- a.** helps people develop a sense of humor
- b.** helps people face their fears
- c.** trains people to deal with work stress

58. Which is the most important skill for a comedy writer?

- a.** to be good at writing slapstick
- b.** to have his or her own style of humor
- c.** to have training in comedy writing

59. Who does a job placement specialist help?

- a.** only employers
- b.** only job candidates
- c.** employers and job candidates

60. Which jobs could you get without a college degree?

- a.** an anxiety coach and a comedy writer
- b.** a therapist and job placement specialist
- c.** a comedy writer and a therapist